

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 23-26 and 38 as set forth below:

1 23. (Second Amended) A remote control device adapted for use by a human to control and select from a screen, the screen including a plurality of choices and a cursor, the remote control device comprising:

a body adapted to be held by the human hand, the body having a top side and a bottom side;

① a thumb switch positioned on the top side of the body, the thumb switch being adapted for activation by a human thumb, the thumb switch being adapted to perform multiple functions; wherein the thumb switch includes a center switch and an annular switch which surrounds the center switch, the annular switch being adapted to operate independently from the center switch; wherein the annular switch is adapted to effect movement of the cursor between the plurality of choices and the center switch is adapted to effect selection of one of the choices identified by the cursor;

[a finger switch positioned on the bottom side of the body, the finger switch being adapted to be activated by a human finger;]

electronic means adapted to generate a signal upon activation of one of the switches; and

transmitting means for transmitting the signal from the electronic means.

② 24. (Second Amended) The remote control device of claim 23, wherein [the

D² thumb switch includes a center switch and an annular switch which surrounds the center switch,] the annular switch including four individual quadrant switches[, the annular switch being adapted to operate independently from the center switch].

D³ ³25. (Third Amended) The device of claim ²24 wherein at least one of the quadrant switches includes a thumb base plate having a plurality of spaced apart electrical contacts and a thumb switch plate which is adapted to move relative to the thumb base plate, wherein the thumb switch plate selectively and independently contacts each of the electrical contacts upon sufficient movement of the thumb switch plate relative to the thumb base plate, wherein the electrical contacts are fixed relative to the [body] thumb base plate.

D⁴ ⁵26. (Second Amended) The device of claim [23] ⁴29 wherein the finger switch is adapted to perform multiple functions and the finger switch includes a slidable, finger switch plate which is adapted to be moved by the human finger relative to a finger base plate, the finger base plate including a plurality of electrical contacts, wherein the electrical contacts are fixed relative to the body; wherein movement of the finger switch plate relative to the finger base plate causes the finger switch plate to selectively interact with the electrical contacts on the finger base plate.

D⁵ ¹⁰38. (Second Amended) The device of claim [37] ¹23 wherein the annular switch includes four individual quadrant switches, at least one of the quadrant switches including a thumb base plate having a plurality of spaced apart electrical contacts and a

D5 thumb switch plate which is adapted to move relative to the thumb base plate, wherein the thumb switch plate selectively and independently contacts each of the electrical contacts upon sufficient movement of the thumb switch plate relative to the thumb base plate [and the electrical contacts are fixed relative to the body].

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Please cancel claim 37 without prejudice.

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Please add the new claim 39.

D4 4 39. The remote control device of claim 23 further comprising a finger switch positioned on the bottom side of the body, the finger switch being adapted to be activated by a human finger.

REMARKS

Claims 23-36, 38, and 39 are pending in the above-captioned patent application. Claims 29-36 have been allowed. Claims 23-28, 37, and 38 have been rejected. Claims 23-26, 28, and 38 have been amended to overcome the formal grounds of rejection and/or to further clarify what Applicant regards as the present invention. Claim 37 has been cancelled without prejudice and claim 39 has been added by this amendment.

Specifically, Claim 23 has been amended to provide that (i) the screen includes a plurality of choices and a cursor, the (ii) the thumb switch includes a center switch and an annular switch which surrounds the center switch, the annular switch being adapted to operate independently from the center switch and (iii) the annular switch is adapted to effect movement of the cursor between the plurality of choices and the center switch is